

# RESILIENT YOLO

## HISTORY:

In 2012 a small group came together in a collaborative effort by Yolo County's Probation department to compete for a multi-year Positive Youth Justice Initiative Grant award. This group of non-profit organizations and individuals found themselves bonded and committed to the idea of spreading awareness of childhood adversity and the importance for community health in addressing it. The group was inspired by the work and dedication of ACEs Connection founder Jane Stevens, and received early support from many in the education field when the documentary Paper Tigers was released. Resilient Yolo emerged and began hosting screenings and holding forums which connected educators around Yolo County with training in principles that bring trauma-informed awareness into our school systems.

## MISSION:

That Resilient Yolo support and promote partnerships between its membership and the larger community, actively and intentionally prevent and address the traumas associated with Adverse Childhood Experiences and Adverse Community Experiences (ACEs), including those particular to marginalized minority populations, in its outreach, education and programming.

## VISION:

To create a more resilient community in which all can thrive by taking a trauma-informed, culturally responsive approach to preventing and reducing the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences and Adverse Community Environments (ACEs) on our diverse population by creating safety, stability and nurturing relationships and environments.

## SHORT VALUES:

We value the importance of:

- ☐ Teamwork/collaboration/connecting with others
- ☐ Continuous learning/openness to change
- ☐ Diversity, equity, and justice
- ☐ Respect and open communication
- ☐ Integrity and accountability

## EXPANDED VALUES:

Evidence-based research guides our work to be trauma and healing informed and protects the integrity of our work making us accountable to others.

Valuing respect for our differences, including our diverse backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives allows us to keep equity and justice at the center of our work.

Continuous learning and reflection are necessary to interact with others with a humble and inquisitive mindset. This occurs through collaborating and connecting with each other using respectful, open and nonjudgmental communication.

**PRINCIPLES:**

Listen deeply  
Speak your truth  
Turn to wonder  
Fully participate

Respect confidentiality  
Have grace  
Hold ourselves accountable